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AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-19 (Cancelled).

20. (Currently Amended) A strap system and patch combination for restraining freight, comprising:

a. a strap with a first layer and a second layer, the first layer comprising a first end and a second end, and the second layer comprising a plurality of strands of yarn, wherein the yarn has an elongation characteristic ranging from about 2.5 percent to about 4.7 percent before breaking and a creep of less than about 2 percent after elongation, wherein the strap can be is capable of being secured around freight to create an intersection between the first end of the strap and the second end of the strap, and wherein the strap is capable of being can be placed under tension; and

b. a separate patch comprising a third end and a fourth end, wherein the third end is pre-attached to the strap at a contact section near the first end prior to installation around the freight, and wherein the separate patch is capable of joining can be joined to the first end of the strap and to the second end of the strap.

21. (Currently Amended) The strap system and patch combination of claim 20, wherein the first layer is a nonwoven fabric.

22. (Currently Amended) The strap system and patch combination of claim 21, wherein the nonwoven fabric is a spunbonded, polyester, nonwoven fabric.

23. (Cancelled).

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24. (Currently Amended) The strap system and patch combination of claim 23, wherein the strap further comprises a third layer defining a releasable adhesive located on at least a portion of an outer surface of the strap for attachment to a surface of a transportation device.

25. (Currently Amended) The strap system and patch combination of claim 20, further comprising an adhesive layer located on at least a portion of the patch for attachment to the second end of the strap.

26. (Currently Amended) The strap system and patch combination of claim 25, wherein the adhesive is non-releasable.

27. (Currently Amended) The strap system and patch combination of claim 20, wherein the patch is attached to the strap using an adhesive, stitching or thermal bonding.

28. (Currently Amended) The strap system and patch combination of claim 20, wherein the patch is a continuous portion of the first layer, wherein the patch is formed during the process of manufacturing the first layer.

29. (Currently Amended) The strap system and patch combination of claim 20, further comprising at least one reinforcement strap coupled to the strap and positioned generally parallel to a longitudinal axis of the strap.

30-40. (Cancelled).